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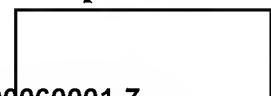


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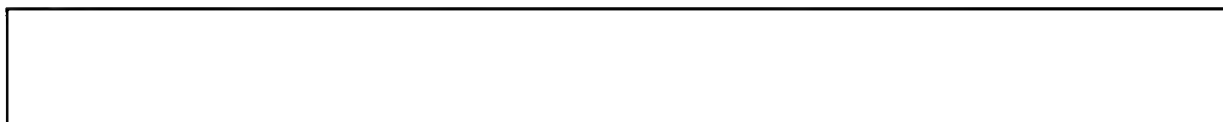


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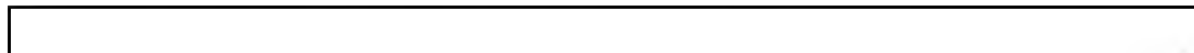
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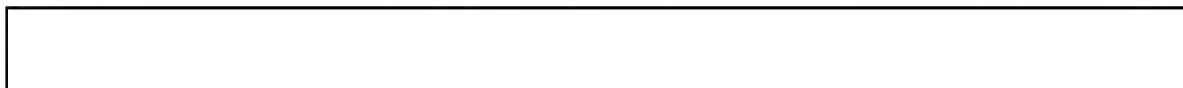
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SUDAN: Increased Pressure on Numayri

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//Sudanese officials are very concerned over rising domestic discontent and the country's isolation in the Arab world as a result of President Numayri's support for President Sadat. According to one report, posters supporting the Numayri government recently have been defaced.//

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//The growing gap between the cost of living and wages, and a marked shortage of commodities have contributed to the increasing opposition to the government. Fuel supplies are low and Iraq, Sudan's major supplier of crude oil, has delayed deliveries in retaliation for Sudan's support of Egypt.

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there is no doubt Numayri's problems are growing. The attitude of the military toward the President's increasing vulnerability is uncertain. If civilian discontent spreads to the armed forces and Numayri is unable to reverse some of the negative trends, he could face a challenge by some elements within the army.

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PAKISTAN: Demonstrations

Violent protests against the execution of former Prime Minister Bhutto flared in several parts of Pakistan yesterday. Many of the incidents occurred in rural areas of Bhutto's home province from which he drew his greatest political support. There also were incidents in several major cities, but so far crowds have been far smaller than in the disorders of 1977 that culminated in Bhutto's ouster by the present military regime. So far, the police appear to be in control; in 1977 demonstrations escalated slowly and did not seriously threaten the government until a month after they began.

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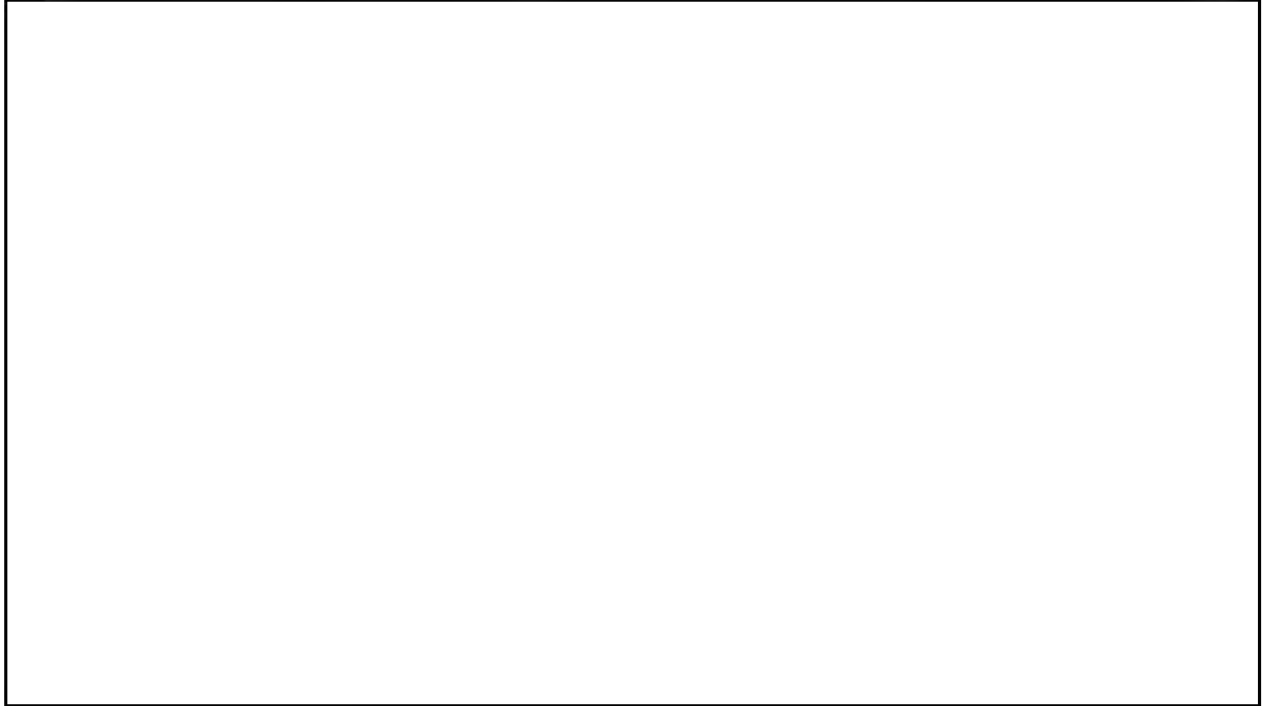
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES: Early Election

Growing labor unrest has forced Minister-President Rozendal to dissolve his government and call for an early election in the internally self-governing Dutch territory of the Netherlands Antilles. The governing coalition has come under heavy pressure from labor leaders and political leftists to increase wages and improve working conditions. Rozendal probably was also motivated by memories of the serious labor-inspired riots in 1969 in which the capital city was burned. The government's generally pro-Western outlook is unlikely to change following the election set for 6 July. [REDACTED]

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MAURITANIA: Palace Coup

Government changes announced yesterday in Mauritania add up to a palace coup that relegated President Saleck to a figurehead role. Lieutenant Colonel Ahmed Bouceif now appears to be the preeminent political figure in the country, which has been plagued by instability since the military took power last July; Bouceif was named to the new position of Prime Minister--thereby displacing Saleck as head of government. Bouceif has been identified with the pro-Moroccan group within the Mauritanian military that has opposed the policy of seeking a unilateral peace in the Western Sahara war. It is uncertain, however, whether Bouceif intends to have Mauritania resume an active role in the conflict alongside Morocco.

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